



March 2004

Dear Colleagues:

With spring around the corner, Northern Virginia VDOT has shifted into high gear for construction and maintenance work.

In Prince William County, a \$200,000 safety improvement project is underway four months ahead of schedule. Crews are adding a left-turn lane from northbound Smoketown Road to westbound Old Bridge Road and will complete the construction by the end of the month. Pending approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, construction begins next month to widen Route 234 from two to four lanes between Snowfall Road and Eclipse Drive. The 3.2-mile project will be completed in July 2006.

In Loudoun County, work is now underway on Shelburne Glebe Road to replace the aging temporary bridge over North Fork Goose Creek. The bridge was installed 10 years ago as an emergency measure when the original truss bridge collapsed during flooding. Temporary bridges have a service life of five to 10 years. The new structure will be two lanes, wide enough to meet the needs of emergency vehicles and farm equipment. Work will be completed by August 1.

In Fairfax County, a 2,089-foot sound wall is being constructed on the inner loop of the Capital Beltway near Route 193 for the West Langley community. At the Wilson Bridge project, the reconstruction of the Route 1 interchange is in full swing. The contract includes building a new Route 1 overpass to span a wider Beltway and widening Route 1 from Fort Hunt Road to Huntington Avenue. Visit www.wilsonbridge.com for construction details as well as scheduled lane closures.

Maintenance crews have a new tool this spring in their annual battle with potholes. The Pothole Killer is able to permanently repair 100 potholes a day and work for two days before needing to be refilled with asphalt. We are leasing the equipment for 600 hours, at \$165 an hour, from Patch Management, Inc. in Pennsylvania. The Pothole Killer will be working in subdivisions and on major roads such as the Fairfax County Parkway.

The tentative 2005-2010 Six-Year Improvement Program will be available at www.virginiadot.org after March 18. The final public hearing for the plan will be held April 6 at 5 p.m. at 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is holding the hearing via videoconference from Richmond.

The Northern Virginia district is reaching out to local county governments to provide services normally administered by VDOT. Agreements are being initiated with Fairfax County to design three road projects. Arlington County is examining the feasibility of assuming total responsibility for the Primary System. These initiatives hopefully will generate new opportunities for state and county partnerships to enhance the delivery of transportation to the citizens of Northern Virginia.

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What's New

Tuesday, **March 16**, 2004, 5-8 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m.
Federal Highway Administration and the National Park Service Public Workshop
Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study
Stonewall Jackson High School, Manassas

This workshop is an opportunity for citizens to review the summary of impacts matrix in advance of the selection of a preferred alternative.

Monday, **March 29** at 4 p.m.
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and VDOT Joint Public Hearing
Secondary Roads Six-Year Program
Government Center Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Thursday, **April 1** at 10 a.m.
VDOT meeting on the I-495/Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Proposal
Springfield Interchange Office at 6440 Commerce Street, Springfield
This meeting will be to receive evaluations of the financial, traffic, and engineering aspects of the proposals. The third meeting of the Panel will be devoted to public comment and other analyses. The fourth meeting will be devoted to reaching a conclusion of the Panel.

Tuesday, **April 6** at 2:00 PM
Prince William County Board of Supervisors and VDOT Joint Public Hearing
Secondary Roads Six-Year Program
McCoart Building, 1 County Complex Court, Prince William

Tuesday, **April 6** at 5 p.m.
Final FY2005 Six Year Improvement Program Public Hearing
VDOT District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly
Hearing will be held via videoconference originating in Richmond
You can review the tentative plan at www.virginiadot.org after March 18

Monday, **April 12**, 2004, 5-8 p.m.
Design Public Hearing for Popes Head Road
Bonnie Brae Elementary School, 5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax
Proposed safety improvements between Lewisham Road and to O'Faley Road

Tuesday, **April 13** at 6:30 p.m.
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and VDOT Joint Public Hearing
Secondary Roads Six-Year Program
1 Harrison Street, SE Loudoun Government Center

News Releases

[Silverbrook Road Detour Begins March 8](#)
[Shelburne Glebe Road Closes March 15 for Bridge Replacement](#)
[Smoketown Road Safety Improvement Begins March 1](#)



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Projects to be Advertised for Construction Bids within the next 12 months

Note: Construction typically begins three to four months after a project is advertised.

Burke Lake Road Widen from two to four lanes from Lee Chapel Road to the Fairfax County Parkway (1.2 miles).
Ad date: Dec. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=116>)

Duke Street Construct pedestrian bridge near Cameron Station. Ad date: Dec. 2004.

Dulles Toll Road Modify Smart Tag lanes at both Route 28 and the Main Toll Plaza. This will include upgrading toll collection equipment and signage for Smart Tag lanes. The existing Smart Tag lane at Route 28 North will be improved to an open toll lane. Ad date: Mar. 2004.

Gambrill Road Construct a 225-space park-and-ride lot. Ad date: Jan. 2004.

Glebe Road Install left turn lanes on Glebe Road at Columbia Pike. Ad date: Dec. 2003.

Glebe Road/South Walter Reed Drive Modify signal, crosswalk and improve lighting at intersection. A Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety project. Ad date: Oct. 2004.

Interstate 395 Enhance signage from Washington Boulevard to the District of Columbia line.
Ad date, Dec. 2003.

Lorton Road Widen from two to six lanes from Route 1 to Silverbrook Road including a new bridge over Pohick Creek (1.06 miles). Ad date: Feb. 2004.

Pleasant Valley Road Straighten curves north and south of Braddock Road and north of Martins Hundred Road. Readvertised spring 2004.

Reston Parkway Install an additional left turn lane south of Sunrise Valley Drive.
Ad date: Sept. 2004

West Ox Road Widen from two to four lanes from Ox Trail to Lawyers Road (1.1 mile). Readvertised Jan. 2004.

Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Under Construction

Beulah Street Widening from two to four lanes between Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Franconia Road (1.3 miles). Completion, summer 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=51>)

Dulles Toll Road/Capital Beltway Widening ramps from one to two lanes both to and from the Capital Beltway. Completion, to be determined.

Interstate 495 Erect a sound wall, 2,089 feet in length, on the inner loop of the Capital Beltway just north of Old Dominion Drive at West Langley. Completion, to be determined.

Route 1 Widening from Lorton Road to Telegraph Road (1.2 miles) to include six lanes divided with a trail on the east side and an extra turn lane from Telegraph Road to Armistead Road. Completion, Nov. 2005. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=63>)

Route 28 Improvements Under the Public-Private Partnership Act, The Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC will design and construct six high-capacity interchanges on Route 28 in Fairfax and Loudoun counties over the next four years. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=60>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 2 Widening Route 123 to four lanes divided from Lee Chapel Road to North Davis Drive (2.5 miles). Completion, summer 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=56>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 3 Widening Route 123 to four lanes divided from North Davis Drive to Route 722 (1.9 miles). Completion, to be determined. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=57>)

Springfield Interchange Phases 6 and 7, the final phases of the project are underway. The project remains on schedule. For lane closures, maps, photos and commuter options please visit springfieldinterchange.com. (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Woodrow Wilson Bridge (Va. projects) Soil strengthening and stabilization work started Dec. 2001 and will continue until mid-2004. (<http://www.wilsonbridge.com/>)

- New Washington Street overpass to span wider Beltway began early 2003
- Beltway tie-in to future bridge began mid 2003
- Bridges over Cameron Run and Hunting Creek to line up with widened Beltway began mid 2003
- Demolition of three Hunting Terrace buildings and two office buildings began mid 2003
- Route 1 interchange begins early 2004
- Widening Beltway between Route 1 and Telegraph Road begins mid-2004.

Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Completed Since 2001

Burke Centre Parkway Widened from two to four lanes between Marshall Pond Road and Burke Lake Road. Improvements included dedicated left and right turn lanes, sidewalks and a multipurpose trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, a new drainage system and signal improvements to help traffic flow. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-burke-ctr-pkwy.asp>)

Columbia Pike Bridge over Four Mile Run Replaced original bridge, widened sidewalk on south side of bridge, replaced and repaired drainage systems and constructed approach slabs. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/arlington-columbiapikebridge.asp>)

Dulles Toll Road at Spring Hill Road Expanded toll plaza at the westbound Spring Hill Road entrance from one lane to three. Smart Tag can be used in all three lanes. Completed Dec. 2003. (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-dulles_plaza.asp)

Fairfax County Parkway Completion of the northern section of the Fairfax County Parkway gives motorists a continuous four and six-lane highway from Route 7 in Dranesville to Beulah Street in Kingstowne. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-ctyparkway.asp>)

Lorton Road Traffic back-ups at the Lorton Road underpass have eased since the road was widened from one to two lanes. The 70-year-old CSX bridge over Lorton Road was replaced with a 227-foot long bridge. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lorton.asp>)

Lorton Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a new 170-space lot located just east of I-95. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lortonrd-parkride.asp>)

Old Dominion Drive Bridge The 50-year-old bridge over Pimmit Run Creek on Old Dominion Drive in McLean has been improved and is open to motorists. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-olddom.asp>)

Rolling and Fullerton Roads The intersection was realigned and turn lanes were added. Motorists can now use Fullerton Road through the Industrial Park. Completed Nov. 2003. (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-Rolling_FullertonRd.asp)

Route 28/Air and Space Museum Parkway Partial cloverleaf to provide access to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Interchange opened prior to the opening of the Museum in Dec. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-barnesfield.asp>)

Route 28/Route 29 Interchange Construction of a grade-separated interchange in Centreville is now complete. Route 28 traffic flows uninterrupted under Route 29 and both roads have six through lanes and additional turn lanes. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt2829.asp>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 1 Widened Route 123 to four lanes divided from Burke Lake Road to Lee Chapel Road (2.4 miles). Opened summer 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt123widening.asp>)

Route 233 (Reagan National Airport) Crews completed bridge deck repairs and concrete overlay. Completed in Dec. 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/arlington-rt233-bridge.asp>)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Site and support work for construction of the new Museum south of Dulles International Airport. Included completing service roads, haul roads, taxi pad, utilities and visitor and bus parking lots. Completed Sep. 2003. (<http://www.nasm.si.edu/nasm/ext/>)

Springfield Interchange Improvement Project Phases 2 and 3, which focused on improvements to I-95, Route 644 and other local roads in Springfield, were completed in late 2001. (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a 387-space lot adjacent to the I-66 HOV Lanes.
(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-stringfellowp-r.asp>)

Sydenstricker Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a 170-space lot at the corner of Sydenstricker Road and Hooes Road, just off the Fairfax County Parkway. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-sydenstricker.asp>)

Telegraph Road Widening Widened from two lanes to four lanes with a 16-foot median and two four-foot bicycle lanes from Beulah Street to Route 1 (2.5 miles). (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-telegraph.asp>)

Van Dorn Street Safety Improvements New sidewalks, curb and gutter, roadway lighting, business entrances and a raised, landscaped concrete median were added. Completed Jul. 2003.
(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-vandorn-safety.asp>)



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Belmont Ridge Road Extend right turn lane at Route 7. Ad date: Feb. 2004.

Claude Moore Park (Route 1006) Improve existing north entrance by adding southbound left and northbound right turn lanes at the intersection with Route 637 opposite Maries Road. Ad date: Aug. 2004.

Maryland Avenue (Route 708) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 709 to Route 1102 (.22 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: Jul. 2004.

Milton Court (Route 836) Improve ditch drainage from Route 817 to end of State maintenance (.11 mile) Ad date: Feb. 2004.

Potomac View Road (Route 637) Improve 1200 feet of roadway to provide 12-foot lanes and construct right and left turn lanes at the entrance to First Baptist Church. Ad date: Mar. 2004.

Rodgers Street (Route 1103) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 7 to Route 1105 (.13 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: Jul. 2004.

Stumptown Road (Route 662) Install drainage pipe across Route 662, just west of Route 15. Ad date: Oct. 2004.

Ticonderoga Road (Route 613) Improve and realign intersection at Route 659. Bids received in Oct. 2003 were rejected. Project readvertised Feb. 2004.

West Virginia Avenue (Route 1105) Upgrade from gravel to paved road from Route 1102 to Route 1103 (.11 mile) using Rural Rustic Road design standards. Ad date: Jul. 2004.

Loudoun County Projects Under Construction

Route 28 Improvements Under the Public-Private Partnership Act, The Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC will design and construct six high-capacity interchanges on Route 28 in Fairfax and Loudoun counties over the next four years. (<http://www.28freeway.com/>)

Shelburne Glebe Road (Route 729) Replace temporary bridge with permanent bridge over North Fork Goose Creek located .66 miles north of North Fork Road (Route 728). Route 729 will be closed to thru-traffic beginning March 15, 2004 until the project is completed in the summer of 2004.
(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=66>)

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Loudoun County Projects Completed Since 2001

Dulles North Transit Center Park-and-Ride A 750-space commuter lot has been constructed at the Dulles Greenway and Route 606. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt606p-r.asp>)

Featherbed Road Rehabilitation and deck replacement on truss span bridge located between Loyalty Road and Milltown Road.

Lime Kiln Road Upgraded from gravel to asphalt and realigned roadway to improve sight distance (2.1 miles). (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-limekiln.asp>)

Loudoun Orchard Road (Route 662) Upgrade dirt road to a paved road from intersection of Mt. Gilead Road (Route 797) to 0.38 miles South of Route 729 (1.3 miles). This is a pilot project under VDOT's new Rural Rustic Road Program.

Old Ox Road (Route 606) Widened from two to four lanes between Route 50 and Evergreen Mills Road/ Route 621 (.81 miles) and improved drainage. A traffic signal was installed at Route 621. Completed, Nov. 2003.

Red Bud Lane (Route 1505) Upgraded from a dirt road to a paved road from Route 1504 to one mile south of Route 1504. Completed, fall 2003.

Route 7 Crews added an additional lane in each direction between Cedar Drive and Dranesville Road. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt7.asp>)

Route 15 Safety improvements between Balls Bluff Road and White's Ferry Road (1.7 miles). (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt15-ballsbluff-whitesferry.asp>)

Route 28 Crews widened Route 28 and added two dedicated left-turn lanes onto Route 606 in Loudoun County. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt28.asp>)

Route 50 Bridge at Aldie Repair work is complete for the 180-year-old stone arch bridge on Route 50 over Little River near the Aldie Mill. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-aldie.asp>)

Route 287 VDOT crews eliminated the curve on Berlin Road to improve sight distance for motorists approaching the intersection. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt287.asp>)

South Church Street A half-mile section of South Church Street between Lovettsville Road and Berlin Turnpike was widened to improve safety. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-sthchurch.asp>)

Taylorstown Road Upgraded from a gravel road to a paved road between Furnace Mountain Road and Wilt Store Road. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-taylorstown.asp>)

Woodburn Road VDOT upgraded Woodburn Road from gravel to asphalt, realigned sections to improve sight distance and added drainage and other safety features. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-woodburn.asp>)

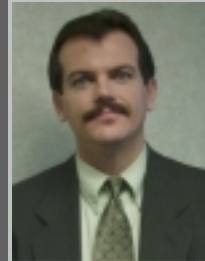


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Projects to be Advertised for Construction Bids within the next 12 months

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I-66 Widening Add one regular lane and one HOV lane in each direction from Route 234 Business to the Route 234 Bypass (3 miles). Ad date: spring 2004.

I-66/Route 29 Interchange (Phase I) Construct four-lane East-West Connector road over I-66 from Route 29 at the Conway Industrial Park entrance to Wellington Road. Ad date: summer 2004.

Linton Hall Road (Route 619) Widen to six lanes from Route 29 to Glenkirk Road and widen to four lanes from Glenkirk Road to Devlin Road. Ad date: summer 2004.

Route 234 (Dumfries Road) Widen from two to four lanes between Eclipse Drive and Country Club Drive (3.3 miles). Ad date: summer. 2004

Prince William County Projects Under Construction

Richmond Avenue Widening from Dumfries Road to Nagel Street (.75 miles). One lane will be added in each direction along with a sidewalk on the south side and a paved bike trail on the north side. Completion, Jul. 2005.

Route 123 Bridge Over Occoquan River Replace two-lane bridge with a new six-lane bridge and widen approaches. Completion, May 2006. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=58>)

Route 234 (Dumfries Road) Widen from two to four lanes between Snowfall Road and Eclipse Drive (3.2 miles). Construction began March 2004 and will be completed July 2006.
(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=72>)

Smoketown Road Construct northbound left turn lane at Old Bridge Road. Construction began March 1, 2004, four months ahead of schedule. Completion, end of March 2004.

Prince William County Projects Completed Since 2001

Horner Road Park-and-Ride Lot Expansion Completed the largest commuter lot in Virginia, with 2,267 spaces added by VDOT and the county. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-horner-ParkRide.asp>)

I-95 Bridge over Route 619 The 36-year-old north and southbound bridges over Route 619 were replaced with new bridges and shoulders wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt619.asp>)

I-95 Bridges over Quantico Creek The 40-year-old north and southbound bridges over Quantico Creek were reconstructed with new bridge piers and widened shoulders. The bridges are wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95quantico.asp>)

I-95/Route 234 Interchange The former diamond interchange is now a partial cloverleaf with loops in the northeast and southwest quadrants. The Route 234 bridge over I-95 has been widened and the acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-95 were lengthened. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt234.asp>)

Ingram Drive Paved gravel road from 75 feet north of Chestnut Creek to Logmill Road (.77 miles). Completion, late 2003.

Route 29/234 Intersection Safety Improvements Safety Improvements in the Manassas National Battlefield Park included adding left-turn lanes to each leg of the intersection, improving sight distance on Route 234, installing a pedestrian bridge, a crosswalk, traffic signals and re-timing traffic signals. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt29-rt234-safety.asp>)

Route 234 Bypass Construction of a 10-mile, four-lane bypass west of Manassas is complete. The bypass runs from I-66 to Brentsville Road where it connects with existing Route 234. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234byp.asp>)

Route 234 Bypass Constructed sound wall adjacent to the Great Oaks Subdivision. Completed, fall 2003.

Route 234 Widening Route 234 was widened from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided highway. (<http://www.virginia.gov/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234wide.asp>)

Route 234/Route 1 Park-and-Ride Constructed a 360-space lot near Route I-95.

Veteran's Memorial Park Constructed a pedestrian bridge over the CSX Railroad from Veterans Memorial Park to Partridge Road. Completed, Oct. 24, 2003.

Major Transportation Studies

[Tri-County Parkway Location Study](#)

[Fall 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT is evaluating a new north/south transportation link to connect the City of Manassas with I-66 and the Dulles Corridor. More than 200 citizens attended information meetings held in Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax counties during December 2002. The study team shared preliminary alternatives and sought public input. The study team is currently reviewing the initial range of conceptual alternatives to determine build alternatives for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which will be completed by summer 2004, with public hearings in fall 2004.

[Capital Beltway Study](#)

[Spring 2002 Newsletter](#)

In March 2002, the Federal Highway Administration approved the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for improvements to the 14-mile section between the Springfield Interchange and the American Legion Bridge. More than 1,000 citizens attended the public hearings held on May 28, 29 and 30, 2002. Currently, VDOT is evaluating the concept of implementing HOT lanes (high occupancy toll lanes) on the Beltway. VDOT will make a recommendation on the Capital Beltway Study to the Commonwealth Transportation Board in spring 2004.

[I-66 Multimodal Transportation and Environmental Study](#)

[Summer 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation are identifying possible highway, rail and bus improvements along the 24-mile corridor from the Capital Beltway to Route 15 at Haymarket. The Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be complete in 2004. Public information meetings are anticipated in early 2004.

[Northern Virginia Bikeway and Trail Network Study](#)

[November 2003 Report](#)

In October 2003, VDOT held meetings in Reston, Arlington and Manassas on an interconnected and seamless network of bikeways across Northern Virginia. The report, now completed, will serve as a planning tool to complete the network.

[Route 1 Location Study](#)

[February 2003 Newsletter](#)

VDOT has developed concepts for improving the 27-mile corridor from the Stafford County line to the Capital Beltway. Due to the length of the corridor the study is divided into three sections. Three location hearings were held in spring 2003. The Steering Committee met on June 19, 2003 to make recommendations, but several issues require further study: including the configuration of the Possum Point Road intersection in Dumfries, the configuration of the Dale Boulevard interchange and whether to expand to eight lanes north of Route 235. The Kings Crossing Focus Group has met several times to develop criteria for an intersection or interchange at North and South Kings Highways and has recommended an at-grade intersection. The project "B" Build alternative is scheduled for CTB action for March 18, 2004.

[Route 50 Traffic Calming Project](#)

VDOT and the Route 50 Traffic Calming Task Force are developing construction plans that will implement concepts to calm traffic, enhance the scenic beauty and historic nature of the area and provide for enhanced pedestrian safety and accessibility along the corridor. The first projects scheduled to be constructed are in the villages of Upperville and Aldie. Citizen meetings will be held in March to decide the type of materials, plantings and signing for Upperville and Aldie. Design and land acquisition for Gilberts Corner is proceeding, and the design of the segment west of Middleburg is underway. Accrual of funds for the remaining segment is on-going.

Non-VDOT Studies:

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit

[\(http://www.dullestransit.com/\)](http://www.dullestransit.com/)

In August 2003, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation submitted a formal request to the Federal Transit Administration to begin preliminary engineering on Phase I of the Metrorail extension. This request is currently pending. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and revised General Plans, which address changes to the project associated with phased construction, were published in late October 2003. Public hearings on the Supplemental Draft EIS were held December 3rd in Reston and December 11th in Loudoun County. A public hearing report and team recommendations was published in February 2004. Work on the Project's Final Environmental Impact Statement is underway; publication expected in fall 2004. The FY 2004 Federal Transportation Bill includes \$20 million for the project, a total of \$163.5 to date in Federal funding.

Capital Beltway Rail Feasibility Study

[\(http://www.drpt.state.va.us/projects/previous/bwr.asp\)](http://www.drpt.state.va.us/projects/previous/bwr.asp)

Study completed in April 2001 by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study

[\(http://www.battlefieldbypass.com\)](http://www.battlefieldbypass.com)

The Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service are developing and evaluating alternatives to allow for closing portions of Route 29 and 234 in the Park. The next public workshop will be held March 16 at Stonewall Jackson High School, 5-8 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m. Citizens will have an opportunity to review the summary of impacts matrix. Information on the construct build alternatives is available on the website. The alternatives will be studied and described in detail in the Environmental Impact Statement.